

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

Father Has Undertaken a Tough Job

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CALUMET

WOLVERINES TO RECEIVE VERY CORDIAL WELCOME AT HARVARD NEXT FALL

NEWS

COLLEGE AUTHORITIES COME TO DEFENSE OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

SPORTS

KEEP RECORDS OF YOUNGSTERS

Data Will Be Given Out by National League for All Players

John Heydler, secretary of the National League, is contemplating further improvements in the averages he year-by-year compiles and issues. This improvement is the printing of the records of the players who take part in less than nine games, these records being kept each year but never made public. Consequently, when baseball experts desire to get a complete record of a certain player, they cannot obtain all the required information from the baseball averages and have to apply to the league secretaries for the missing data.

Starting editors whose papers make a specialty of answering questions about the national pastimes will apply Heydler's determination of putting the records of the limited opportunity class, no one connected with baseball, not even Heydler himself, being an idea who it was that made the records of a player's record a record which he took part in 15 games, and twenty-five more public. Heydler's able secretary last season because he followed precedent, and didn't take any cognizance of the law who participated in less than 15 games. There probably were just as many men in the American league whose performances were not made public as in the National league's official statistics, Irvin M. Howe.

According to the guide books, the first year Christy Mathewson was in the National league was 1901, but really "the 81st" broke into fast company in 1906. "Rube" Marquard gets into the annals for the first time as a National leaguer in 1903, and is not in them at all in 1910. The facts about the holder of the modern record for consecutive victories is that he figured in one victory in 1908 and in four wins and four losses in 1910. Al Demaree's first record in the guide books is in 1912, but his National league debut was accomplished in 1912.

The same condition of affairs regarding prominent pastimes crops up in the American league. Eddie Collins first donned the livery of the White Sox in 1906, playing under the alias of "Sullivan" and covering himself with errors yet he doesn't break into the averages until a year later. Frank tracer is awarded his first record in 1908, but he played under Connie Mack in the last end of the season of 1908, hitting close to the 300 notch that campaign, but not manufacturing any of those four-bag blows that since have made him famous until the following year.

JAPANESE PROVE APT AT NET GAME

W. M. Johnston and Elie Fottrell, the San Francisco town tennis players who recently won the singles and doubles championships at Manila, met their keenest competition from two Japanese players—Kamada and Yabuka. Kamada is the stranger of the two in singles and must be a wonder, as he is said to have played the game for only ten months. He was beaten by Fottrell only after five hard sets in the semi-final round. The score was 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

As Fottrell figures to rank on merit, either in or close to the first ten players in America, it will be seen that Japan must be reckoned with in the future amongst the tennis-playing nations. Fottrell and Johnston except to return to San Francisco by April 7. They will play at Honolulu in the island tennis championship.

LAUNCH DEFIANCE MAY 11.

Prospective Defender of American Cup Advancing Nicely.

Beth, Me., April 8.—The sloop Defiance, under construction for the American cup trials, will take the water first when she is launched on May 11. George M. Pynchon, managing director of the sloop syndicate, said this departure from the usual method of launching was a hobby of Designer Owen, who believed it would lessen the possibility of any accident to the rudder.

After the Defiance slides down the ways three days will be required to get up her rigging. Her hollow spars of Oregon pine are on the way here and the sails are expected soon.

Like the other aspirants for the honor of meeting the Shamrock IV, the Defiance will have a centerboard with an estimated drop of eight feet.

WOULD MEET "KID" MURPHY.

Frank Pelligrini of Calumet announces that he is desirous of arranging a boxing contest with "Kid" Murphy to take place at an early date. Murphy recently challenged Pelligrini for a bout and the latter has lost no time in accepting. Arrangements for the contest can be made with Martin Mossmet, who is acting as Pelligrini's manager.

U. OF M. DEFEATS ALABAMA.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 8.—The University of Michigan defeated the University of Alabama baseball team, 7 to 4, here.

HARD WORK FOR TRACK ATHLETES

No Recess for Men Who Aspire to Represent the U. of M.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 8.—With Michigan's varsity baseball team playing in the southland, and the university closed for spring recess, only one branch of Wolverine athletics will hold sway in Ann Arbor this week. Vacation means no let-up for the track and blue track athletes.

Michigan's indoor season closed a week ago, and now after a week's lay-off, the track men will begin their outdoor work. Training will begin immediately, and while other students are visiting at home, the track men will hold daily sessions on Ferry field, under the watchful eye of Trainer "Steve" Farrell, and Intramural Director Rowe. Training table will be set at the Michigan Union for the week, and it is planned to give the men a good start on their regular season's work.

After the return of the baseball men from the southern trip, however, Ann Arbor will present a lively scene in the athletic way. The track squad will continue its work. Coach Lundgren will have his varsity baseball squad out, and "Johnny" Layans will drill the All-Fresh ball throwers. In addition varsity tennis men will probably turn out for practice.

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

Since he joined the Cubs Bill Sweezy, the former Boston Brave, has hit well over the 300 mark in the practice games.

The New York Giants will meet Jack Dunn's Orioles in Baltimore on April 13, the day the Federals will start their season in that city.

It looks as though Manager Bobbie Robinson of the Brooklyn Superbas has found a regular pitcher in Alitchson, the former Newark twirler.

With Walsh, Schalk, Chappell and a few lesser lights on the hospital list, it looks as though the White Sox may be up against it at the get-away.

Manager Callahan was somewhat disgruntled over the condition of Outfielder Ping Bodie, who reported to the White Sox some 15 or 20 pounds overweight.

Washington scribbles have already figured out how the Senatorial infield, composed of Gandil, Morcan, McBride and Foster, will rival the "poorless four" of the Athletics this season.

Rumor has it that the Western league is figuring on putting a team in Kansas City, the team to play on the American association grounds while the A. A. team is on the road.

Manager Jennings announces that Ty Cobb will be number three instead of number four in the Detroit batting order this season. Ty did his best work as number three man several years ago.

Ralph Capron, former University of Minnesota star and later a Pittsburgh Pirate, has reported to Jack Dunn's Baltimore Internationals. Dunn also has signed up his own son, Jack Dunn, Jr.

Zulu Zila, not a Sandwich Islander, but a German, is trying out for the outfield with the Kalamazoo South Michigan league team. Zulu Zila and Kalamazoo. There's some poetry in that combination.

It is said the Philadelphia Nationals recently turned down an offer of \$6,000 cash for Outfielder Josh Devore. Josh must be improving, as the Phillies secured him last year from Cincinnati at the waiver price.

Jack Dillon and Pueblo Jim Flinn will clash in a return engagement at Indianapolis on May 30.

Joe Borrell of Philadelphia has signed to box handman Blake in London the latter part of this month.

Bat Nelson must be in the pugilistic discard for fair. They don't even introduce the batter at the boxing shows any longer.

After his bout with Tommy Murphy in San Francisco this month Champion Willie Ritchie will return to Milwaukee to prepare for the meeting with Charley White.

BASEBALL FRATERNITY PRESIDENT EXPLAINS POSITION ON RESERVE.

New York, April 8.—In answer to the charges that the Baseball Players' fraternity was not observing its obligations to organized baseball in refusing to advise its members to respect the reserve clause of their contracts, President L. Fultz of the organization has issued the following statement:

"The fraternity has been more or less severely criticised for not compelling its members to regard the so-called reserve rule contained in contracts of organized baseball. We have refused to do this, for one reason, because we have felt that we would be putting ourselves in a very questionable light by disciplining our members for not doing something the law might later decide they were not bound to do.

"Had we taken this step we would have run the risk of not only being unfair to our members, but of subjecting ourselves to actions at law for unjust disciplinary measures.

"If this very troublesome clause is tested, as now seems likely, we believe the result will prove that we have been wise in the stand we have taken."

STAGE ARMY-NAVY GAME IN GOTHAM AGAIN NEXT FALL.

New York, April 8.—Peaceful adjustment is expected in the army-navy discussion of a place for holding the next annual football game, and the Polo grounds is tentatively asked upon as the scene. Objections by the midshipmen to the trip from Annapolis and the entraining for home without a chance for sight-seeing were partially overcome by an announcement today that arrangements had practically been completed by which the entire student body at Annapolis or all midshipment permitted to do so, may be brought to this city and given permission to enjoy themselves, until 12 o'clock on the night of the game. Under this arrangement a special train with sleeping cars would convey the party to Annapolis.

Lieuts. Matthews and Fairfield of the army and navy, respectively, with others in conference here, returned yesterday to West Point and Annapolis. After formal receipt of details by the heads of the two academies, an announcement may be made.

AL M'COY BEATS CHIP.

New York, N. Y., April 8.—Al McCoy of Brooklyn knocked out George Chip of Newcastle, Pa., leading claimant for the middleweight title, in the first round of their ten round bout last night.

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NAMES CHAMPS OF PRIZE RING

Heavyweight Title Pending Between Jack and Sam Is Verdict

Paris, April 8.—The International Boxing union met in Switzerland this week. France was represented by several delegates and Belgium voted by letter. It was announced representatives from New York would not be able to come before June and for this reason another meeting was arranged for June 3 at Geneva.

A list of world champions was drawn up as follows: Flyweight, Percy Jones; bantamweight, Johnny Curran; featherweight, Johnny Kilgore; lightweight, Willie Ritchie; light middleweight, vacant; middleweight, vacant; light heavyweight, Sam Langford; heavyweight, Sam Langford. The heavyweight title was declared to be pending between Jack Johnson and Sam Langford, who must meet before Aug. 5. If either of the two refuses to fight at that time he shall be deprived of his claim to the championship.

If Moran beats Johnson on June 27, he will become the champion, on condition that he meets Langford before that time he will lose the title, which will then go to Langford.

TOMMY RYAN FINOS "HOPE."

Believes Young Diamond Setter Is a World Beater.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 8.—Tommy Ryan, the former middleweight champion and promoter of boxing in Syracuse, believes that he has unearthed a "white hope" who will be able to defeat all the heavies after the youngster has had experience. The young pugilist is Frank McNeerney, a former marble setter. McNeerney came to this city last year from Buffalo and he has been working at his trade here ever since.

McNeerney is 22 years old and weighs 195 pounds in his street clothing. He has big, powerful hands, and it is said that he knows how to use them. McNeerney today began working out at Kid Jullian's camp.

Ryan is very enthusiastic over his heavy weight and he predicts a wonderful future for him. McNeerney will be matched with some of the young heavyweights in light semi-final and preliminary bouts here.

Battling Jim Johnson is Sam Langford's new team partner, now that the Jeannette-Langford act will take no more.

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